

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5494

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AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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FOR STATE AND CAB

E.O. LL652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ECAC, XT, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECAC POSITION ON AGENCY COMMISSIONS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED SEPT. 29 FROM ECAC SECRETARIAT  
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ECAC PRESIDENT RABEN TO STYLES  
(EB/AV) ON AGENCY COMMISSIONS. IN ALERTING US THAT  
MESSAGE WAS ENROUTE FOR ONWARD TRANSMITTAL, SECRETARIAT  
NOTED THAT SEPT. 29 WAS LAST DAY FOR FILING OF COMMENTS  
WITH CAB AND ECAC THEREFORE HOPED EMBASSY WOULD TRANS-  
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MIT PROMPTLY TO ENABLE ECAC RESPECT FILING  
DEADLINE.

2. ECAC MESSAGE FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. STYLES,

THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION OF ECAC MEMBER STATES AT THEIR MEETING TODAY HAVE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THEIR EXTREME DISQUIET AT THE UNITED STATES POLICY ON AGENCY COMMISSIONS.

ECAC MEMBER STATES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE FILING REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCY COMMISSIONS (ECONOMIC REGULATION 96L UNDER PART 253 REFERS), TOGETHER WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT EACH CARRIER SHOULD ESTABLISH ITS COMMISSION STRUCTURE INDEPENDENTLY OF IATA (AS FORMULATED IN THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1976), COULD LEAD TO COMPETITIVE ESCALATION OF COMMISSION RATES. EVIDENCE POINTING TO SUCH AN OUTCOME IS ALREADY AVAILABLE. THIS WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CARRIERS AS WELL AS TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY INEVITABLY RAISING AIRLINE COSTS, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE POLICY OF BOTH ECAC AND THE UNITED STATES AIMING AT K-EPING AIRLINE COSTS TO A MINIMUM.

IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR PREVIOUS MESSAGES EC 340 OF 6 JUNE 1975 AND EC 24 OF 28 JANUARY 1976, WE NOW INVITE YOU TO CONSULT WITH US ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SUCH CONSULTATION, WE URGE YOU TO POSTPONE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING.

HANS RABEN, PRESIDENT OF ECAC. END TEXT

3. JUNE 1975 MESSAGE TO WHICH ABOVE RABEN TEXT REFERS WAS TELEXED DIRECTLY BY ECAC TO WASHINGTON (ADDRESSED TO WALDMANN IN DEPT.) AND WAS NOT TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY. SECOND MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED IN PARIS 2893.  
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